Pension to retiring Working Journalists

421. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for awarding pension to retiring working journalists; if so, what are the basic outlines thereof and by what time it will be finalised and implemented; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the pensions schemes for retiring journalists formulated by the State Governments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) The question of granting pension to Newspaper Employees is linked with the wider question of granting pension to industrial workers as a Social Security measure. The question of providing pension to Working Journalists would, therefore, be considered at the appropriate stage.

(b) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Storage of foodgrains by the Food Corporation of India in Uttar Pradesh

422. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foodgrains stored in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India in Uttar Pradesh are not properly preserved and its quality starts deteriorating within six months;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains found unsuitable for human consumption in Uttar Pradesh so far during the last three years due to defective storage by F.C.I.; and

(c) the action taken to ensure proper storage of foodgrains procured in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The foodgrains stored in F.C.I. godowns in U. P. are properly preserved. However, the quantities of foodgrains which have come down to lower classification of C & D from A & B every year, during the last 3 years is given in the attached statement (*see below*). The stocks in the lower category are fit for human consumption after being cleaned or processed.

(c) Foodgrain stocks procured in Uttar Pradesh are stored on Scientific lines. Periodical inspection and pest control measures are undertaken regularly by technically qualified staff.

Statement

Quantities of foodgrains which have come down to lower classification of C & D from A & B every year, during the last 3 years

(*Figures in lakh tonnes*)

As on	Total rice/ wheat in storage in U.P.		Quantity of rice/wheat slided down from higher to lower category during one year of storage.		% ge	
	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat
31-5-85	6.53	19.13	0.04	1.50	0.6	7.84
31-5-84	0.93	13.65	0.03	1.65	3.2	12.0
31-5-83	2.20	11.22	0.04	0.68	1.8	6.0